

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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MODERNISATION OF COALFIELDS
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to take loan from the World Bank for the modernisation of coalfields:
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor:
- (c) whether the internal resources are adequate to meet the demand of modernisation of coalfields: and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) & (b): Coal India Limited (CIL) has no proposal to take loan from the World Bank for modernisation of coalfields. However, modernisation of coal mines is an integral part of CIL's production plan. CIL has set a production target of 363.80 million tonnes for the year 2006-07. Implementation of this production plan incorporates, besides others, modernisation initiatives like increase in mechanisation of underground operations and utilization of high productive technologies viz. Longwall mining and Room & Pillar method using continuous miner-shuttle car combination. While in the area of opencast mining, efforts are made for installation of higher capacity equipments for excavation and transportation, computerized fleet and man management system like Operator Independent Truck Dispatch System etc.

(c) & (d): The capital investment of Rs. 3063.70 crores for the year 2006-07 is proposed to be met from internal financial resources of CIL. and is adequate to finance CIL's modernisation needs.